

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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**Editors' Notes:** *Days are getting longer, the sun is warmer, birds are singing, steam is rising from sugar houses!!! We made it, well almost . . . .*

The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, for publication on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Town Office. Any submissions missing the cutoff date may be included in the following month.

*Pat Psholka, Helen Mango & Gail Fallar*

## ~ Town Meeting 2019 ~

Town Meeting was **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. About 60 folks attended, down about 10 from last year. Town and Highway budgets were approved, as was an allotment of \$600 to Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and REDC, after 10-15 minutes of discussion and a vote of 32-18.

Officers were chosen **Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. In the only contested race – for MRUUSD Board Member - **Amy Martone** received 83 votes and Carolyn Feury received 25 votes. In addition, voters approved having the Select Board appoint constables, which will take effect in 2021. Only 110 voters cast ballots, last year there were 172.

School ballots were comingled with the other towns, MRUUSD budget and all other items were approved.

(More details in the *Meeting Highlights* section.)

## ~ A Hero in Our Midst ~

Super Kudos to **Eric Foell!** During that recent snow storm, on his way to work, where it was raining in Wallingford, but snowing and icy up here in the hills, he witnessed a car upside down in Ballou's swamp. He jumped into the icy water, broke out a back window and rescued the driver. Thank you, thank you!

And thank you to the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department who assisted as well.

Your good deeds are very much appreciated!

## ~ Homestead Declaration ~

This a reminder that you need to file an **annual** Homestead Declaration with the Vermont Department of Taxes, form HS-122. You must file this to qualify for the homestead education tax rate and to request a property tax adjustment if you are eligible. You must also file form HI-144 (household income), **due April 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is required even if you do not have to file or pay state income taxes.



***Hello gardeners and volunteers and Tinmouth Scholarship supporters:***

The famous **Tinmouth Plant Sale** will happen on its traditional day – **the Saturday before Mother's Day, which is May 11 this year – from 8-10 a.m.** We will be selling locally grown and dug perennials to benefit the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund.

This event is the primary fundraiser for Tinmouth Scholarships. In 2018 we awarded \$11,000 to 13 scholars. Help us continue and grow!

We welcome diggers (those who can dig and/or donate special perennials that are weed-free). We need to manage varieties and quantities, so please call or email me before you dig!

We are looking for volunteers to pot and mark plants on **Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5**. Typically our diggers drop off plants on Friday and Saturday morning and we pot on Saturday and Sunday. We strive to have all our plants potted and marked the week before the sale.

We need potters at 143 Channel Road on **Saturday, May 4, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday morning, May 5, from 10 a.m.** until we are done. No experience necessary! We work in any weather, so come prepared to be outside (that could mean hats and gloves or sunblock and lemonade). A quick email or call to let me know you can help would be appreciated so I know how many folks to expect. We may also do additional potting on other days, so if you can be available during the week, please let me know and I will call you if there is potting to do.

We always accept donations of plastic pots 5" or larger. Please: Round and square pots only. Pots can be left on the porch at the Town Office, or dropped off at 143 Channel Road.

**Plant sale set-up is Friday May 10**, at the Old Creamery (next to the Town Office), and we can always use help unloading and organizing plants by variety. We start first thing.

From the Tinmouth Gardening Team – Thank you!  
Questions: call Cathy Reynolds at 446-2928 or email [cathyreynolds802@gmail.com](mailto:cathyreynolds802@gmail.com).

## ~ Vacancies ~

There are still vacancies on the **Energy Committee** and the **Zoning Board of Adjustment**. If you are interested in either of these, please contact the town office at 446-2498. The Energy Committee needs re-energizing.

~ April 2019 Calendar of Events ~

Dog Licenses Due	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	'til 5:00	Town Office
Fire Department	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Fire House
"Our Town"	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Old Fire House
Library OPEN	Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9-12	Library
Book Discussion	Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	1:00	Ruth Drachman's
"Our Town"	Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00	Old Fire House
Select Board	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
Household Hazardous Waste	Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-12:30	Rutland Town Transfer Station
Writers' Group	Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	1:30	Library
Conservation Commission	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Easter Breakfast	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Church
Easter Service	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Church
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	After the Easter Service @	Church
Planning Commission	Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Tech Help for Dummies	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
THGS	Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	2:00	Town Office/Old Creamery

The April Planning Commission Meeting was changed to Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

May 2019 Calendar of Events

Fire Dept.	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00	Fire House
Green Up	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Meet at the Transfer Station
Special Library AM Hours	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9-Noon	Library
Select Board	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Concert	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	Old Fire House
Plant Sale	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Next to the Town Office
Mother's Day	Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>		Call your Mom!!
Planning Commission	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Town Office
Contra Dance	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00	Community Center
<i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>		Don't Miss It!
Concert	Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Old Fire House

*Please mark your calendars for May ~ Green-Up is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and the Plant Sale is Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

**Sunday Church Service 9:00 AM ~ All are welcome!**

*Transfer Station hours are Wednesday 4:00 - 7:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am - noon.*

**Library Hours ~ Monday 10:00-noon & 1-5 and Thursday 10:00-noon & 1-5**

*Fun "non-competitive" Volleyball on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm.*

**Knit, Craft or Chat ~ Mondays 3:00 – 5:00 pm ~ Library**

**Bone Builders ~ Tuesday 10:00-11:00 am & Friday 9:00 – 10:00 am Library**



~ Helpful Items for Loan ~

Someone getting a new hip or knee? Or just needs some help getting around? The Town Office has walkers, crutches, a potty seat, a potty chair (commode), and a wheel chair to loan. And now we have a high chair.

Please call 446-2498 to make arrangements.

~ Tinmouth Historical & Genealogical Society ~

Old Creamery Clean-Up Day

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00**

Please wear gloves and old clothes.

Refreshments provided.

## TINMOUTH GREEN UP – 2019

By Doug Fontein



**Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4.** The Tinmouth Green Up Committee is teaming up with the Conservation Commission to create a fun and delicious Green Up. In hopes of bringing the community out on Green Up Day, we're doing some fun activities at the Transfer Station at the conclusion of the event.

**Green Up volunteers will meet at the Transfer Station between 8:30 and 9:00 AM** on the Saturday morning to get bags and a section of road to clean up. We'll reunite at the Transfer Station at 11:00 AM for the GALA AWARDS CEREMONY (with prizes) and FREE ICE CREAM.

This is a family and kid-friendly event so please come with your young ones so they can share the fun (and maybe learn a little about civic responsibility and protecting our environment).

There won't be a Green Up activity at the school this year in an effort to get full involvement on Saturday morning. So this is your chance to be part of the team! People are also welcome to do DIY Green Up by getting bags from the Town Office (there are bags there now) and cleaning a section of roadside as your schedule allows. But we strongly urge you to come with your family on Saturday morning to help build community momentum for this important activity.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, including boots, work gloves, long pants and long sleeved shirts (to help avoid ticks). For more info. on avoiding ticks, go to the Vermont Dept. of Health website and search ticks or use this link: <http://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/tickborne-diseases/prevent-tick-bites-tickborne-diseases>

Any items too large (or too yucky) for your vehicle we can pick up with a truck if you tell us where it is.

New for this year, we are offering people the option of "adopting" a section of roadway in town and keeping it litter-free year round as you walk or drive on it. In addition to keeping your neighborhood beautiful, this will allow us to focus on other roads on Green Up Day to make sure we cover all the roads in town.

We hope to see you at **Green Up on Saturday, May 4.** Feel free to contact members of the Green Up committee with any questions:

**Doug Fontein 446-2928**  
**Nelson Jaquay 446-2367**  
**Ed Hasenohr 446-2676**

*Please Recycle or Pass Along Tales!!*

## ~ Library News ~

By Ruth Drachman, Librarian

**Book Discussion** will occur on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** (no meeting in March) at 1:00 at the home of Ruth Drachman. It will be an author study of Mary Oliver and will be led by Nelson Jaquay.

**Writing group** (The Motleys) will take place at 1:30 at the Library on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

### **New books on CD for adults:**

*The American Agent*, by Jacqueline Winspear, another exciting Maisie Dobbs novel.

*Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny, another brilliant Armand Gamache story.

*Lethal White* by Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling), the fourth installment in the Cormoran Strike crime fiction series.

*Becoming* by Michelle Obama, read by the author, a memoir.

*The Lake House* by Kate Morton, secrets from the past come to light in the present, a compelling mystery.

**All of the above listed books on CD are unabridged, and all of them are also available in print at the Tinmouth Library.**

**Knit and Chat** is held in the library on Mondays from 3 until 5 PM. Come and do whatever handcrafts you prefer, and be prepared to chat as well.

The library is **open** on Monday and Thursday, from 10:00 AM until Noon, and from 1:00 P M until 5:00 PM, as well as the morning of the first Saturday of the month ~ April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 until Noon.

### ~ Notice of Crabapple Tree Giveaway ~

By Tracy Byford

This year we have once again received a generous Tinmouth Community Fund Grant to purchase wildlife-friendly flowering crabapples for Tinmouth Residents. 10 trees were ordered and are just waiting for a planting place. If you want a pink-flowering crabapple tree for your yard, (the hope is you can plant it where it can be seen from the road so everyone can enjoy it) look for a signup sheet on the Community Center Bulletin Board, the Town Office Bulletin Board, or you can email Tracy at [tracyleab@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleab@gmail.com) to put your name in the running.

Trees will be arriving around Mother's Day and names will be chosen at random then. Last year 8 Tinmouth folks received trees. If you were a lucky winner last year, please allow others to have a chance first. You can put your name in, and if there are extra trees we'll pick from those who received a tree previously.

Recipients must be able to commit to digging the hole and be ready for the tree when it's delivered. Planting advice, tree wrap and trunk protectors will be provided with your delivered tree! *Thank you TCF for helping make Tinmouth a blooming place!*

~ **Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarships 2019** ~

By Cathy Reynolds

Scholarships for continuing education are available from the Tinmouth Community Fund. We offer scholarships to colleges (two and four year, full- and part-time), certification programs, internships (support for living expenses), training programs and other education beyond high school. If you are considering a program and wonder if you might be eligible for a scholarship, please contact [cathyreynolds802@gmail.com](mailto:cathyreynolds802@gmail.com) or 446-2928. Applications are available on line on the Community Fund page at the Town's website [tinmouthvt.org](http://www.tinmouthvt.org) <http://www.tinmouthvt.org/college-scholarship-application/>

We offer three scholarships on one application – The Tinmouth Community Fund Scholarship and the Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship are open to all. The Pam Garceau Memorial Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship for seniors graduating from Mill River this year.

**Applications are due May 15 by 11:59 p.m.**

We encourage applicants to spend time writing the essay(s) required. The Tinmouth Writer's Group has offered to support applicants in the essay writing process. Call or email Nelson Jaquay at 446-2367 or [jaquay@vermontel.net](mailto:jaquay@vermontel.net). Often a second reader can improve an essay, catch spelling and grammar errors and help you tell your story more effectively.

There will be a community awards night in June to celebrate and award scholarships to Tinmouth's students of all ages who are continuing their education.

~ **Summer Camp Scholarship Program** ~

The Tinmouth Community Fund's **K-12 summer camp scholarship program** is accepting applications. The deadline is **April 1**. This is a cost-share scholarship and family ability to pay is a consideration. More information and the application can be found at the [tinmouthvt.org](http://tinmouthvt.org) website. You will also hit it if you search "Tinmouth Community Fund."

~ **Tech Help for Dummies** ~  
**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Tinmouth Town Office**

Thanks to a Tinmouth Community Fund grant, there is help for those of us with Tech 'Challenges'.

Andy McCullough will help folks struggling with their devices - laptop, tablet, etc. -with email, Internet, etc. The town office has wifi, bring your device and tribulations.

Sessions begin at 6:00, please call Gail at 446-2498 or email [tinmouthtown@vermontel.net](mailto:tinmouthtown@vermontel.net) to set up your 15 minutes of individual attention.

We are also planning on another session in the fall.



**ALL Are Welcome To  
Vermont 38<sup>th</sup> Annual SPRING RING  
Sweet Ringing in  
the Champlain Valley  
Saturday April 27, 2019 at 4PM  
Champlain Valley Union  
High School**

**369 CVU Road, Hinesburg, Vermont  
Concert for the public.**

**A Free Will offering**

**The Tinmouth Handbells will be  
performing a Solo**



\*\*\*\*\* Please note that the Tinmouth Handbell Ringers will not be attending the Spring Ring. Bell Ringer founder Nancy Noble passed on March 29<sup>th</sup>, as her memorial service will be April 27<sup>th</sup>, the Bell Ringers will be in Tinmouth to ring to honor her wonderful vision, generosity and efforts. \*\*\*\*\*

**Theater in the Woods  
Presents  
an expanded, reimagined  
"OUR TOWN" by Thornton Wilder**

**Friday, April 5 at 7 PM and Sunday, April 7 at 3 PM  
at the Old Tinmouth Firehouse (just 80 seats)**

**Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13 at 7 PM and  
Sunday April 14 at Stone Valley Arts in Poultney  
Tickets \$20 Adults and \$10 Children**

Theatre in the Woods Vermont Co. is a 501c3 Not-For-Profit Corporation



TINMOUTH CHURCH

~ Tinmouth Community Church ~

Dear Friends,

Recently, the General Conference, which is the international legislative body of the United Methodist Church, met in St. Louis, Missouri. You may have heard news reports coming from this gathering, about the UMC not accepting LGBTQ persons as ministers and not allowing pastors to perform weddings for LGBTQ persons. Simply stated, this ruling goes against Jesus' legacy of love and compassion, of welcoming and kindness. It has broken many hearts within the UMC community, and I believe it has broken God's heart as well. Jesus' teachings are clear, welcoming everyone *with no exceptions*.

Jesus spoke eloquently about God's love, and he practiced radical inclusion throughout his life. The apostle Paul likened the Body of Christ (aka the Church) to the human body, reminding us that every single part of the body contributes to the health and well-being of the whole. Together, we are stronger and better.

Our responsibility, as Christians, is to practice love, not to judge who is or is not worthy of it. At Tinmouth Community Church, we intend to continue being a place of kindness and radical welcome practiced in the name and spirit of Jesus, as our Mission Statement on the back of every Sunday Bulletin says:

*"You are welcome here! At Tinmouth Community Church, we are a congregation that honors, values and respects diversity among people of varied ages, Christian traditions, sexual orientations and ethnic and racial backgrounds. Clearly the great variety that God has created in the natural world extends to humanity as well and is to be treasured. It is our hope that our time worshipping together may bring us closer to the words and examples of Jesus and inspire us to go forth as the heart and hands of Christ in the world we inhabit."*

Please join us any Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for worship and community, and a great time of food and fellowship afterward. All are welcome, no exceptions!

Sincerely,  
Shirley Oskamp

Pastor, Tinmouth Community Church

**P.S. Easter is coming up on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Tinmouth Community Church will host an Easter Breakfast from 7:30-8:30 a.m. followed by worship at 9:00 and an egg hunt afterward for the children.**



~ Recipe Corner ~

*This being Maple Season, here are two ways to enjoy it!*

Oatmeal Maple Syrup Drop Cookies

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 egg – beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/2 cups flour, sifted
- 1 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins

Beat shortening and maple syrup until fluffy, add egg, mix. Sift together flour, salt, baking powder. Add to first ingredients alternately with milk. Stir well. Add raisins and nuts. Drop by spoonful on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for about 15 minutes.

Maple Sugar Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups maple sugar
- 1 1/2 cups unsalted butter
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp. vanilla\*
- 1 tsp. baking soda\*
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups flour

Cream sugar and butter. Add beaten egg, vanilla, then dry ingredients.

Form into balls and space widely on cookie sheet. Parchment helps keep them from sticking.

Bake at 375 F (350 F convection oven) for 10-13 minutes until light brown on top and edges look crisp. Swap cookie racks from top to bottom after 7 minutes.

\*Variation for a crisper maple sugar spice cookie: Increase baking soda to 2 tsp., omit vanilla and add 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. ginger

***Got a favorite recipe you are willing to share? Please send it/them to Shirley Bucceri at [smhb@vermontel.net](mailto:smhb@vermontel.net) or 49 North End Road, Tinmouth, VT 05773. Thanks!***



**Marion's Musings** will return in the Spring. She is home and doing much better. *Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers.*



To the Tinmouth Community,

Mud season has arrived and temperatures have steadily risen. Our Winter Sports Program concluded on March 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the arrival of spring and warmer weather. The children successfully learned to ski and skate thanks to the many who volunteered. We are grateful to the parents, relatives, and friends who were able to take time off to teach and supervise children. Learning to ski, snowboard, and skate has a positive impact on children now and for years to come!

On March 27<sup>th</sup> the students completed their English Language Arts State test. This is a mandated reading and writing assessment that compares students' scores within the district and state.

Tinmouth residents elected Amy Martone as the Tinmouth representative on the Mill River Union School Board. Amy has a preschooler in Ms. Edge's class and is a nurse at Rutland Regional Medical Center. The Tinmouth staff and I look forward to working with Amy!

Amy is replacing Grant Reynolds who has served the school for more than six years, initially as board president and after the merger as the sole Tinmouth representative. Grant spearheaded the Mill River District merger and created advantageous conditions for school growth in a climate where small schools were encouraged to close.

At the annual town meeting, students presented Grant with the *Grant C. Reynolds Wee Folk Natural Playground* sign in appreciation for his devotion to Tinmouth and the school. We're grateful to our Parents Club for funding the costs of the sign. (*It's already hanging on the playground.*)



In addition to electing a new board member, Tinmouth voters also passed the school budget. Included in the budget was funding for an additional teaching position at Tinmouth Mountain School which is urgently needed considering our school has grown 30% over the past 4 years. An additional classroom teacher allows us to create

more ideal class configurations. This includes a single grade for kindergarten and third grade in the 2019-2020 school year, provided our enrollment remains stable.

Tinmouth Mountain School has been thoughtfully progressing towards incorporating a place-based wilderness program within our proficiency based academic curriculum. This program is titled the Trailhead Project and includes opportunities for students to develop confidence, leadership ability, and a sense of environmental stewardship while working outside whenever possible. Currently teachers are partnering with Four Winds to develop a project for their grade level that addresses *Next Generation Science Standards* and district proficiencies. In short, children learn about cycles in nature, regional geology, energy, and other curriculum designated natural phenomenon by asking and researching questions through fieldwork and reading, discussing and reflecting on findings, journaling, writing informational reports, and contributing through community service. This is similar to but much more aligned with proficiencies than thematic units designed in the past. This is the initial step taken toward developing a place-based wilderness program at Tinmouth Mountain School.

**Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker**

*Principal, Tinmouth Mountain School*

~ Front Porch Forum ~

**Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors**

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc.. If you are a second home owner you can use your 911 address.

~ Community News ~

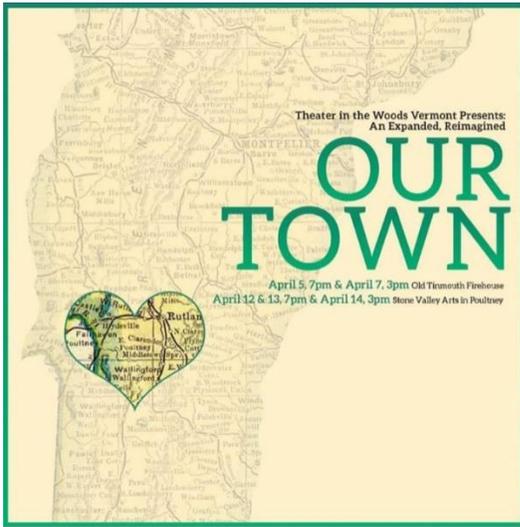
*Get Well Wishes* are sent to **Shirley Bucceri, Nelson Jaquay, Gregg Casey, Andy Moyer, Charlie Wrobel**, and that 'tough old coot' **George Herrick** (*that's what his doctor called him*).

*Heartfelt Sympathies* are sent to family and friends of **Mike Smith**; to family and friends of **Nancy Noble**; to **Roxane Johnson DeLear** and family for the loss of her father; and to **Ed Bucceri** and family for the loss of his father (who was 100 years young!).

With apologies to Daniel Gervais as he asked for this to be in *Tales* a while ago. . . .

**In Appreciation** ~ *I would like to send a BIG thank you to the Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department for help with unwanted water during the January 24<sup>th</sup> storm. Your pump and portable generator were life savers.*

*Thank you so, so much!* **Daniel Gervais**



**Theater in the Woods Vermont presents expanded and reimagined “Our Town” by Thornton Wilder**

Theater in the Woods Vermont Co. presents a beautifully imagined production of Thornton Wilder’s masterpiece of small town life, *Our Town*, on **Friday, April 5 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 PM at the Old Tinmouth Firehouse** (seats 80), and **Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday April 14 at 3:00 PM** at Stone Valley Arts in Poultney.

*Our Town* has endured as a staple of theater companies throughout the nation ever since it first premiered 81 years ago, with good reason: its clear-eyed look at the stability of traditions and family, the steadfastness of the natural environment, and the transience of human life is just as illuminating today as in 1938. *Our Town* is often done in period costume. Director Meg Bouchard says, “The period disconnected me from the text. Wilder’s intention was for this to be an experimental piece of theater. So we’re experimenting.”

Theater in the Woods’ workshop production of *Our Town* in 2018 was an affecting, tender success. Seeing how it touched its audiences, the company wanted to get scripts out of hand and delve deeper, and is excited to bring the work to more people, with some significant shifts in the cast.

“Why this play again? Why this play now? Because it is so richly loaded with the human experience. I want to explore it using a real community. We have husbands and wives and sons and daughters, and tension, and history, and laughter. And we can have all of that. A community can hold the drunk in the street and a Representative and be What If? That’s the question - what if it could? And that’s laid out in our cast.”

Bouchard’s production is intimate and connective. “The world is so overwhelming that we’re retreating instead of binding together. There is an impulse to dissolve into disease of isolation. You see it in things closing, lack of attendance, how we drift apart from our

neighbors. We slowly separate from life and miss the vitality of the day-to-day maintenance. Community is about tied shoelaces, the importance of just showing up for one another. We’re walking around with these broken hearts about what’s happening in the world and it is just the moment our hearts are open to reconnect. It’s all about connection.”

The cast is composed entirely of Rutland county Vermonters, including **Rainbow, Wheaton and Marshall Squier**, Bruce Bouchard, Kate Kelly Bouchard, Melissa and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Garrett Robin, Julia Newirth Redington, Beth Wolven, Chris Larson, Sam Filloramo, and Emma and Molly Luikart.

The two performance venues, the Old Tinmouth Firehouse and Stone Valley Arts in Poultney were chosen specifically to enhance the intimacy of Meg Bouchard’s vision. “When we say ‘Our Town’ we truly mean *our* town. The timelessness of Wilder’s wisdom touches all aspects of our lives, and we see ourselves in these characters.”

Proceeds from ticket sales support Theater in the Woods Camp.

**~ Front Porch Forum ~  
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**~ Nature Notes ~**

The first official day of Spring – March 20<sup>th</sup> was a sunny, wonderful day! Robins were spotted, red winged black birds were singing, temperature was in the 40’s!! And then two days later six-ten inches of wet, slippery snow fell and stayed.

Someone spotted a woodchuck out and about on St. Patrick’s Day, as well another a week later.

It’s mud season alright, mud is everywhere, many towns are struggling with the gooey, slippery, ruddy stuff.

On a happy note, several folks have reported snow drops are braving the elements to announce spring’s approach. No signs of crocuses yet! Pussy willows are out!

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*May your path be strewn with flowers,  
Memories, friends and happy hours.  
May blessings come from heaven above,  
To fill your life with peace and love.*

*..... An English Blessing*

*Thank you Lydia!*

**~Meeting Highlights~**

*(Complete minutes are available at the town office.)*

**Select Board ~ 3/14/19**

Present were members Michael Fallar, Frank Sears, and Cathy Reynolds, as well as Eric Buffum – Road Comm., Chuck Bronk, Kim Harbaugh, Sherry Johnson, Grant Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Don Woods, Eng., Frank Carmen, Lisa Velde, Joe Shackett, Sarah Shackett, and Gail Fallar – Select Board Assistant.

Frank called the meeting to order. First order of business was for the Board to re-organize for the year. Cathy suggested an annual rotating Chair, with each member serving as Chair the last year of their term. Gail advised it had been tried before and the Chair was only chosen that way twice. All members of the Board expressed an interest in serving as Chair. There was a bit of a stalemate until someone suggested putting all three names in a hat and having a member of the audience draw one name. All agreed to this process. Sherry Johnson drew out Cathy's name, so she assumed the Chair without objection from the other members.

Board re-organized as follows for the coming year:

- \* Set Regular Monthly Meeting Day and Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 (and to keep the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday open for special meetings)

- \* Designated Signer for Bills and Orders - Frank volunteered as Cathy declined

- \* Newspaper of Record – Rutland Herald

- \* Adopted Robert's Rules for Small Boards

- \* Appointed Overweight Truck Permit Signer – Cathy, as Chair

- \* Appointed Member to Community Center Board – Cathy volunteered

Board reviewed the agenda, decided to allow the Health Officer to go first to address issues of a number in the audience.

**Health Officer Report** – Frank Sears, as Health Officer, reported on a request to inspect a mobile home owned by Tom Velde, Jr. located at 21 Maple Brook Lane. Sarah and family had been living there with the permission of Lisa Velde (Tom's mother). There are problems with intermittent electricity, breakers not working, no heat or water when the electric is not functioning. Sarah and family had to move to a motel. Frank Sears conducted an inspection and noted there were no smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors or fire extinguishers as well. Even though no rent was being paid, he was advised that it needed to be treated as a rental unit. He advised that no one should live there until repairs are done. Lisa requested that all trash and personal property be removed. After brief discussion with Sarah and Joe, Lisa, and Frank Carmen, and their agreeing that no one would live there until repairs were done and the Health Officer conducted another inspection, Board voted

that the Select Board, as the Board of Health, issue a Health Order determining that the mobile home was not livable and that no one was to inhabit it until repairs were done.

**Civil Engineering** – Don Woods had emailed his latest proposal at 3:00 that afternoon, so the Board did not have time to review. He did walk the Board and those present through the various alternatives; with the location of the town garage nearer the road, or nearer the current town garage, which way doors would face, moving the access to the transfer station, location of a salt shed with the ability to add a sand shed in the future, the possibility of trading or buying adjacent land to help deal with storm water issues, etc. Board tentatively set a special meeting for April 4<sup>th</sup> to deal with just public works facilities issues and to gather input from neighbors regarding current proposals. Board was unable to give Don more guidance given the short time they had to review his proposal, he advised it was a bit premature to discuss some of the alternatives at this point, as more work was needed.

**~Highway ~**

**Eric** welcomed the Board to mud season, lots of freezing and thawing. In regards to the tires damaged during the towing incident, he advised the towing company was only willing to pay for two tires, (not the four that he had been told by the truck dealer). He had purchased four, but in reality only two were damaged, and asked the Board for guidance. Board advised that the repair budget was his responsibility and that he needed to deal with it.

**Chloride** – Cathy noted at town meeting there were lots of folks raising concerns about increased use of chloride during lunch, but they didn't speak up during the meeting. She asked that more information be provided to towns people.

**New Road Standards** – New draft standards were distributed, Board will also inquire about them at roads fundamentals workshop they are attending soon.

**Annual Highway Plan and Certificate of Compliance with Road Standards** – Board voted to approve the annual Highway Plan required by the State, and signed documents.

**Road Inventory** – Frank volunteered to drive Eric around to update the road inventory (required by state standards). Eric will complete by April meeting.

**Paving Grant** – Board voted to apply for a paving grant. Eric and Gail will work on details. Likelihood of receiving a grant is slim, but if no one else applies, there might be a chance.

**Others** ~ Grant Reynolds deferred request of the Old Creamery Committee given the time.

**~ New Business ~**

**Board's Annual Appointment of Officers** – one year terms unless otherwise noted.

**Board of Adjustment** ~ Bart Eaton, Chair (2022)

**Planning Commission** ~ Kim Harbaugh, Bob Lloyd and Grant Reynolds (2022)

**Tinmouth Library Trustee** ~ Gene Usher (2022)

**911 Coordinator** ~ Gail Fallar

**Emergency Management Coordinator** ~ Michael Fannin

**Community Center Board** ~ Cathy Reynolds

**Health Officer** ~ Frank Sears (was the Select Board Chair)

**Rutland Regional Planning Commission** ~ Robert Lloyd, Michael Fallar, Alternate

**RRPC Regional Transportation Council** ~ Rene Wilbur, Michael Fannin, Alternate

**Solid Waste Alliance Communities** ~ Chris Martone, Wheaton Squier, Alternate

**Conservation Commission** ~ Robbie Leeds (2023)

**Safety & Wellness Committee** ~ Ronnie Crossman, Amy Martone, Ray Pratt, Chris Martone, Gail Fallar

**Tinmouth Website Committee** ~ Nancy Birdsall, Pat Psholka, Cathy Reynolds, Gail Fallar

**Solid Waste & Recycling Committee** ~ Jonathan Czar, Helen Mango, Wheaton Squier, Gail Fallar

**Old Creamery Committee** ~ Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar, Doug Fontein, Vito Macaluso, Stan Wilbur

**Tree Warden** ~ David Birdsall, Wheaton Squier, Deputy

**Green-Up Day Committee** ~ Doug Fontein, Ed Hasenohr, Nelson Jaquay

**Energy Committee** ~ Ray Pratt, Cathy Reynolds, *Vacant – They need new members!!*

**Housing Rehab Loan Review Committee** ~ Caleb Scott, Carolyn Feury, Cathy Reynolds, Gail Fallar

**Animal Control Officers** ~ David Birdsall & Constables

**Town Huggers** ~ Hollis Squier and Patti (Cow Patti) Macaluso

**Pound Keeper** ~ Glenn D. Merrill

**Fence Viewers** ~ Caleb Scott, Ralph Lewis, Glenn D. Merrill, Grant Reynolds, Michael Fallar

**Weighers of Coal** ~ Michael Fannin, Cathy Reynolds

**Inspectors of Lumber & Shingles** ~ Doug Fontein, and Michael Fallar

**Local Emergency Management Plan** – Board needs to approve by May 1st, Board asked Gail to pull together a committee to work on it to present to the Board's regular April meeting.

**2018 Grand List** – Board signed and sealed the 2018 Grand List – no appeals or suits pending. Also signed by the Board of Listers.

**Wallingford Town Line** – Gail advised that a meeting with Wallingford's Assessor to discuss the issue (raised by them) had been postponed due to a new Wallingford Select Board wanting to understand it. Lacking any new information, Tinmouth Board is satisfied with the current location of the town line.

**Charlie Wrobel**, one of the town's transfer station attendants, who lives just over the town line in Danby,

requested permission to purchase transfer station tickets. After brief discussion, Board voted to approve, given that Charlie is a long time employee of the town.

~ **Old Business** ~

Solid Waste Ordinance – further amendment and review – postponed until April meeting.

**Members' Concerns** - Cathy advised that Lisa Patry was having trouble with coyote hunters being on their property without permission. Landowners need to contact a game warden if that happens, Select Board has no authority.

Add compensation for Health Officer to the April agenda. Duties have been increasing.

Frank advised that he will attend upcoming health officer training.

**Meetings**- April 4<sup>th</sup> – public works facilities; April 11<sup>th</sup> – regular monthly meeting

**Conservation Commission ~ 3/18/19**

*With thanks to Chuck Bronk, Sec.*

Present were members Doug Fontein, Jo Reynolds, Nelson Jaquay, Jeff Ams, and Chuck Bronk, as well as Gail Fallar, Bob Lloyd, and Monica Pryzperhart.

**Old Business:**

Doug Fontein introduced Monica Pryzperhart, a Biologist with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department to moderate a discussion regarding the creation of a Conservation Fund in Tinmouth. He also introduced Bob Lloyd, long time member of the Tinmouth Planning Commission and as well as a current member of Tinmouth Land Trust. Doug commented that he had invited Bob to share his views on the possible creation of a special Conservation Fund.

Monica handed out an outline of her presentation (available at the town office) and led the group in a discussion about conservation funds, how towns use them, how towns fund them, etc.. She also provided a copy of the Town of Bolton's Conservation Fund Policy as a reference example.

During that discussion Bob reviewed the formation and purpose of the Tinmouth Land Trust (TLT) and reported that the TLT held a fund made up of a single donation of about \$12,000 that was specifically earmarked for improvements to the Tinmouth Mountain Ridge Trail. Doug agreed to contact Marshall Squier, President of the Land Trust, to request that a Land Trust meeting be convened to discuss the disposition of these funds.

The commission thanked Monica for her presentation and agreed to move forward, albeit in small steps, to establish a Conservation Fund, under their control, in Tinmouth.

Next Meeting was set for April 15, 2019 to discuss Green Up day, which is scheduled for May 4, 2019.

**Planning Commission ~ 3/21/19**

Present were members present Vito Macaluso, Michael Fallar, Pat Psholka, Grant Reynolds, Rainbow Squier, and Larry Carabeau, as well as Gail Fallar, Sec.

Members reviewed agenda, added annual re-organization. Michael inquired if anyone was interested in serving as Chair. There being no takers, members elected Michael-Chair, Bob Lloyd -Vice Chair, and Gail as Secretary.

**Village Center Designation** ~ Pat volunteered to help with the application.

**Enhanced Energy Planning** ~ Barbara at RRPC advised via email, that they had received grant funding and would be able to help Tinmouth. She had reviewed what Tinmouth currently has in its town plan, but didn't send the information along until day of the PC meeting. She also sent a draft enhanced energy plan for Tinmouth. Grant was able to review it briefly – seemed to contain information for Rutland Town. More time is needed to take a good look. Much discussion about whether the Tinmouth PC wanted to contact owners of potential sites; whether to contact Green Mountain Power about the distribution line that runs through town to see if it would ever become a transmission line; whether the PC wants to pursue the project given that the current town plan does contain a certain amount of energy planning; process for proceeding; trying to understand questions sent by Barbara.

Next meeting was tentatively moved to Monday, April 22, 2019 to allow Barbara from RRPC to attend.

### **Tinmouth Community Center Board ~ 3/28/19**

Present were members Ann Czar (elected), and Cathy Reynolds (Select Board). Amy Martone (school) was ill and not able to attend

Others present were Rainbow Squier-Building Coordinator, Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker-TMS Principal, Gary Marcy-MRUUSD Facilities Manager, and Gail Fallar-Treasurer

Board re-organized, Cathy nominated Ann for Chair, she accepted.

Gary explained the new security card system MRUUSD would like to install at the Community Center in conjunction with the new system for the school, to address security and safety concerns. There is a state grant to cover 75% of the cost, the school district would pay the other 25%. Most school employees enter the building through the kitchen door. There would be a card reader on the kitchen door and on the office door on the south side of the school. Each card would be programmed separately for each employee/user, can be de-activated by a remote computer, easily replaced if lost, tracked to see who entered the building when, etc. Discussed how this would work for townspeople renting the Community Center. Internal keys/locks would stay the same, this

project addresses external access only. Gary expressed concern with who had keys to the community center, asked if the center doors of the community center could be locked and unlocked internally with an allen wrench. Gail expressed concern for fire department access in the event of an emergency – Gary advised that a “lock box” could be provided for them. After much discussion, Gary agreed to work on a proposal for Board to consider. The Board agreed to the installation on the school building, still has concerns with the community center building.

Also discussed was scheduling during February and April vacations – past practice is that this time is considered for town use, not school (not a regularly scheduled school day). Gary asked that MRUUSD be booked to use them as he needs to book repairs or maintenance during that time and getting contractors is not always easy. He is willing to share the time as most work does not take an entire week.

The Art Room floor is being switched from tile to carpet due to the room being converted to Kindergarten for the next school year. Discussion about use of the room, how to cover the floor during the game supper, etc.

Community Center cleaning was discussed, Gary and Maureen are addressing this issue.

Gary advised there will be a new boiler thanks to the Energy Bond recently approved. Lighting will be up graded to LED as well. Cathy asked that a connection be made to be able to dim the overhead lights – tried with the last lighting retrofit and it was not able to be completed. Gary will try to figure it out.

### **Tinmouth Town Meeting ~ 3/2/19 and 3/5/19**

Moderator Stan Wilbur called the gathering of about 60 voters to order at 1:00, noting it was the 245<sup>th</sup> Tinmouth Town Meeting. Bob Noble, 88 years young (oldest voter there) led the Pledge of Allegiance. Stan asked for a moment of silence for those who had passed in the last year – Glenn W. Merrill, Susan Lloyd, Steve Zimmer and Josh Ruane.

Stan read the warning and advised that announcements would precede official town meeting business.

Tinmouth Mountain School Principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker rose to recognize Grant Reynolds, retiring as the Tinmouth representative to the Mill River Unified Union School District. She noted he has done so much for the school, before and after Tinmouth merged into the new MRUUSD. To honor his good works, several students presented him with a sign naming the new playground, the “Grant C. Reynolds Wee Folk Playground”, as his good works also involved helping with it. He expressed his heartfelt appreciation.

Stan read the town report dedication. Town Clerk Gail Fallar presented appreciation and flowers to retiring Assistant Town Clerk Ruth Drachman, who has worked

in the office for over 20 years. She will continue to serve as the Librarian, as always in her star volunteer role.

Nelson Jaquay announced The Motley Writers, in the middle of its writing program, were being hosted by Adam Guettel, playwright and composer, at his studio in mid-March.

Ann Czar, Chair of the Tinmouth Community Center Board, thanked Bess Lewis for her service as TCC building coordinator and announced that Rainbow Squier would be assuming the post.

State Representatives David Potter and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman spoke briefly about issues at the state house in Montpelier.

Stan asked candidates for the school board, Amy Martone and Carolyn Feury, to stand so folks could see who they were and speak with them if they wished. All other officers are uncontested races.

Dues dates for paying taxes; highway budget of \$551,950 and general budget of \$236,240; creation of special funds for computers and website development; transfer of funds from the constables Equipment Fund to those two new funds were all passed with little or no discussion and unanimous voice vote.

The article asking voters to appropriate the sum of \$600 to the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation (approximately \$1/resident) to support the Regional Marketing Initiative drew the most discussion. After about 10 minutes it was approved 31 to 18.

There was also an article regarding a Climate Solutions Resolution, which after brief discussion passed on a near unanimous voice vote, there was one lone dissenter.

Under any other lawful business ~

The Moderator recognized Rutland County Deputy Sheriff Justin Cram – he's the officer who patrols 10 hours per week.

Nelson Jaquay asked the 4, 5, 6 grade teacher Gayle Wetzler and her husband to describe the *Trout in the Classroom* project they were working on. Mr. Wetzler explained the progress and that hatchlings were growing. Students were very engaged and excited.

Grant Reynolds, retiring Mill River Unified Union Board member, spoke about his experience, noting his best accomplishment was writing the Articles of Association (advising always volunteer to write the first draft) of the new school district, as it insures that a school cannot be closed unless the town votes to do it and the MRUUSD Board votes unanimously to close it. Tinmouth will always have one member on that Board. He thanked people for voting for him. He was given a standing ovation.

Nancy Birdsall, member of the town's website committee, asked folks to use it. In the town report there

was reference to getting into a raffle for a free dump ticket if the website was visited, and no one spotted it or visited.

Marshall Squier, Tinmouth Volunteer Fire Department Chief, reminded folks to call 911 in any emergency. TVFD are always looking for volunteers as well, there are many jobs that need doing, not everyone can charge into a burning building. He also suggested starting a discussion to increase attendance at town meeting – change back to Tuesday, meet Saturday evening, or ???

Ann Czar inquired about the Public Works Facility project, is there an update? Cathy advised that a new civil engineer had been hired to help the Board better understand the dynamics of the site and get the best location and plan for them all. An architect has been hired and done a preliminary plan for a town garage. The road crew does lots of work outside in the cold and dark – chains, hydraulics, etc. The Board is committed to address the needs of the crew and to be mindful of the cost (Michael especially). There will need to be a bond vote as the town does not have enough money saved in the Capital Building Fund. Frank advised that the Board intends to work on a plan, but everything may not be done all at once.

Cathy noted there were posters on the wall regarding Tinmouth Community Fund Grants. She thanked the Lloyd and McIntosh families for establishing a new scholarship in memory of Susan Lloyd.

Stan expressed thanks to the road crew for salting and sanding the church parking lot on Sunday morning, standing ovation given.

Stan reminded everyone of the Australian ballot voting on Tuesday from 8 AM until PM, for officers, school budget and other questions, and a question about appointing rather than electing constables. Frank advised that constable duties have changed, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department now does law enforcement, the town can't afford to train constables to get and stay certified.

**110 voters cast ballots on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (including 9 absentees) Results as follows:**

Voters authorized the Select Board to appoint constables - **95 yes** to 15 no.

Duly elected officers:

**Stan Wilbur** - Moderator – 1 year term

**Frank Sears** - Select Board Member – 3 year term

**Shirley Bucceri** - Lister – 3 year term

**Sandy Goyette** - Auditor – 3 year term

**Sherry Johnson** - Auditor – 1 year term

**Paul Morris** – 1<sup>st</sup> Constable – 2 year term

**Cat Yoder** - Tax Collector (Delinquent) – 1 year term

**Glenn D. Merrill** - Grand Juror – 1 year term

**Rick Fallar** - Town Agent – 1 year term

In the only contested race, Board member to the Mill River Unified Union School District, **Amy Martone** received 83 votes and Carolyn Feury received 25.

## Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting ~ 3/2/19

*With thanks to Helen Mango, Sec.*

Present were Board members Jan Krantz (Chair), Ray Pratt (Vice Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Melody Squier, Rainbow Squier, Patti Macaluso, Asha Carroll McCullough, Helen Mango (Secretary), and a couple dozen interested citizens of the Town of Tinmouth.

Jan gave a brief overview of the history of the Tinmouth Community Fund (TCF). We are celebrating the fund's twentieth year, beginning with the money left over after the Community Center was built, and continuing with donations. The Community Grant program was developed to support community projects. The Higher Education Scholarship (2012) and K-12 Camp Scholarship programs (2014) have been added since. The money is invested at the Vermont Community Fund (VCF). All money is spent in the community for the benefit of the community.

Cathy gave a report on the fund's finances: She began by explaining how the fund lost some value due to the poor stock market of last year. The TCF consists of an endowed fund and a reserve fund. The endowed fund is not touched except for 5% that is drawn down each year to fund community projects and scholarships. The reserve fund allows for occasional larger projects. The fund now has approximately \$310,000. A large donation of almost \$10,000 was given for the scholarship fund. Most other money is raised through fundraising. We also have \$6,300 in the Town's checkbook, which is maintained by Town Treasurer Gail Fallar at the Town Office.

Jan pointed out the photo display of 2017 award results. She requested that people getting funds supply photos from their projects. She thanked Vito Macaluso for putting together the photo display.

Ray gave a summary of the 2017 awards (16 awarded): total of a little over \$8,000.

Helen handed out the awards for 2018 (\$500 each unless otherwise noted):

- Tinmouth Contra Dance
- Tinmouth Green-Up Day (\$250)
- Tinmouth Blooms 1 (\$212 re-allocated from last year)
- Tinmouth Blooms 2
- Tinmouth Milfoil Project
- Tinmouth Elves (clothes for needy families)
- Tech Help for Dummies
- Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee
- Tales of Tinmouth
- Tinmouth Pickleball League
- Tinmouth Elementary School – Wee Folks playground and garden

Jan commented on how much volunteer effort goes into all of these community projects.

Cathy reported from the Higher Education Scholarship Committee: Cathy showed posters of past recipients. \$11,000 is awarded each year, with funds coming from the Plant Sale and the 5% drawdown from the endowment. Cathy hopes that eventually the Plant Sale can be phased out as a major source of funds for scholarships. Cathy solicited volunteers for the scholarship committee. Only one meeting and an awards ceremony per year are required. The scoring rubric has been refined to make this easier. Bob Lloyd, Grant Reynolds, Nelson Jaquay, Jan Krantz, Doug Fontein, Ruth Drachman, Asha Carroll McCullough and Barbara Held all volunteered from the floor. Cathy discussed the Pam Garceau Scholarship. The funds are not held with the TCF, but the Scholarship Committee manages the award (although it does not decide on the awardee). A new addition is the Susan McIntosh Lloyd Scholarship which has been set up with the VCF. This year \$850 will be awarded. Cathy thanked Bob Lloyd and his family for establishing the fund, which encourages Tinmouth residents who value making music and the traditions of farming and forestry. Anyone can make a donation to any of the Tinmouth funds.

Nelson announced that the Tinmouth Motely writers' group is volunteering to help anyone who is applying for scholarships with their writing.

Melody reported from the K-12 camp scholarship committee: This fund had \$750 to begin with, and was amended by a generous donation. This year \$1,500 is appropriated for camp scholarships. The deadline for applying is April 1. Individual grants will be capped at \$250 per child. Melody discussed the possibility of creating a separate fund for the camp scholarships. She listed past camps that have been funded; they include sports, arts and nature camps.

Jan reviewed the TCF bylaws. Cathy explained that when the TCF has new opportunities (e.g. the Susan Lloyd McIntosh scholarship) it is important that the bylaws provide directions for how to establish new scholarships. We also need to codify that funds directed to the TCF be spent according to the goals of the TCF. She also pointed out one typo. The TCF Board is an official committee of the Town of Tinmouth, and changes to the bylaws clarify this. Board voted to accept the amended bylaws.

Jan discussed using up to \$500 to plant a tree in Tinmouth to honor Ramsey Yoder for his many years leading the TCF. She requested volunteers for a committee to choose a tree and an appropriate place to plant it. Dave Birdsall, Tracy Byford, Nelson Jaquay and Jan Krantz volunteered.

Helen Mango, Cathy Reynolds and Melody Squier were duly re-elected to 3 year terms. Nikki Pfeiffer was elected to fill two remaining years of Cat Yoder's term.

Board re-elected officers to current positions.

~ Tinmouth Contra Dance ~



Dance to Luke Donforth calling to the amazing tunes of Red Dog Riley!

**Friday, April 19 at 8:00 p.m.**

Tinmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140

Dance to the splendid tunes of Red Dog Riley with Luke Donforth calling on **Friday, April 19, from 8 – 11 p.m. at the Tinmouth Community Center.** All dances are taught, and you do not need a partner if you are willing to ask someone to dance. If you are a beginner, come right at 8:00 for a beginner's lesson to learn the moves. There will be live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing, refreshments and a fun night for all. Bring your friends and family.

The dance takes place in the Tinmouth Community Center on the third Friday of the month. The Community Center is on Route 140 in the center of Tinmouth, Vermont, five miles west of Wallingford.

Please bring clean, non-marring shoes. Admission is \$10-\$12, \$8 for teens and free for children 12 and under. More info at [tinmouthcontradance.org](http://tinmouthcontradance.org). Like us on Facebook at Tinmouth Contra Dance.

Shine up those dancing shoes and bring a couple of friends to dance with! Our email is [tinmouthdance@gmail.org](mailto:tinmouthdance@gmail.org). Phone 802-881-6775. See you in Tinmouth!

Mark your calendars for our **May Dance on Friday, May 17** where Brendan Taaffe & Aldo Lavaggi will craft us some tunes with Don Stratton calling, and then we are off for the summer and back in September.

~ Non-Traditional Scholarships ~

**Bob Emerick** would like to remind seniors at Mill River Union High School, that he and his brother Jack, are sponsors for non-traditional scholarships. If you are planning on taking a gap year or attending a trade school, please see the Mill River UHS guidance counselor for details and an application.

~ Save the Dates ~

The Old Firehouse will be Firing Up Soon!



**April 12 ~ Gypsy Reel ~** We'll warm up the building with this always exciting group. They play high energy stirring music rooted in the Celtic tradition but garnered from the whole world. Their music is an exciting synthesis of world rhythms and influences from 3 continents.



**April 26 ~ Dana and Susan Robinson ~** Our fellow Vermonters from Cabot will be just returning from a national tour when they hit the Firehouse. They have some great new songs about Vermont along with a lifetime of good ones for us. An Americana-roots and folk duo, Dana and Susan Robinson combine vivid songwriting and storytelling with fiddle tunes, clawhammer banjo, elegant melodies, and rich harmony singing."



### May 10 ~ Va-et-Vient (“Come and Go”)

Some of the Crew really like French Canadian folk songs, but we’ve never had a group that sang a program of them at the Firehouse. These three women from around Middlebury really know how to rattle the hall with songs from our neighbors up north, as well as Cajun and French music. Lively dance numbers, touching love songs, kickin’ Cajun tunes, and rollicking Québécois favorites! Stay over for the celebrated Tinmouth Plant Sale at 8 AM the next morning, Saturday May 11.

### May 24 ~ The Revenants

Bluegrass Gospel Project alums Taylor Armerding, Andy Greene, and Kirk Lord have come together to present original, time-honored, and contemporary Americana music. Showcasing compelling, intricately braided vocals, richly textured instrumental work, and solid, innovative rhythm, the three band members bring decades of performing experience to the stage. Andy Greene and Kirk Lord were at the Firehouse two years ago with the bluegrass band Northern Flyer.

### June 14 ~ Shady Rill - Patti Casey and Tom MacKenzie

We owe them a big turnout...last time they were here the electricity in the Village went out at 5 PM. Tina at the Snack Bar had a generator running – the only lights in the village – and she took us in. Patti and Tom gave a great concert for a surprising number of adventurous souls who came anyway. *Everything from French Canadian dance tunes, to Tin Pan Alley, to Old Time Country, to their own impressive originals is likely to be on the musical menu. Great harmonies and wonderful instrumentation are the hallmark of these two much-traveled musicians.*

*Concerts begin at 7:30, doors open at 7:00.*

*7 Mountain View Road, between the town office and fire house. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town for maintenance of the Old Firehouse. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.*

## **Chipman Lodge #52 F&AM Wallingford, Vermont Scholarship Application for Non-traditional/Alternative Education Study from May 2019 to May 2020**

Chipman Lodge is pleased to offer the “Chipman Masonic Scholarship” for educational endeavors. The Wallingford Masons have always been very supportive of education. Nathaniel Chipman, after whom the Wallingford Lodge is named, was a US Senator and Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court in the early nineteenth century. We offer this scholarship to residents of Wallingford, Tinmouth, Clarendon and Shrewsbury. The scholarship is intended to help with direct educational expenses up to \$500 for an upcoming educational program. Payment will be made directly to the awardee at the address below upon proof (transcript, diploma, certificate) of successful completion of the educational endeavor.

**Applicant:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Town State Zip**

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of educational organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total cost of program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Written Statement:**

*In 100-200 words write an essay that includes your educational goals.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Submit this application to Jay White, 514 Clarendon Rd Wallingford, VT 05773 or [jwhite@nbfarchitects.com](mailto:jwhite@nbfarchitects.com) on or before: **April 26, 2019.**

If you are a MRUHS student, please obtain a different application from Adrienne Tedesco in the school Guidance office.

**2019 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS**  
**SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019**

**8:30 – 12:30 p.m. – RUTLAND TOWN** Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019**

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – FAIR HAVEN** Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue (off West Street), Fair Haven

**2019 HW Contractor - EnPro Services of Vermont. THE SERVICE IS FREE TO:** Residents of the SWAC Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, **Tinmouth**, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED.**

**BETWEEN EVENTS:** Residents of these communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. The permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and allows for drop off of HHW at no charge, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or HW depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday - Friday (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m). Weekend permits sales are not available at either location.

Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. **Examples** include: antifreeze, turpentine, stains, varnishes, carburetor cleaner, creosote, drain cleaner, oven cleaner, fertilizer, paint strippers, thinners, solvents, gas treatments, old gasoline (cannot be contaminated), engine degreaser, floor, metal, and furnisher polishes, latex and oil based paint, pool chemicals, and pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, and batteries (single use or rechargeable - see note below).

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:**

**ELECTRONICS:** Permanent electronics collection locations are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. Call toll free at 855-632-9253 or visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> to find a collection facility near you. Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options.

**SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** - Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors can be disposed of as trash.

**NOTE: LARGE BATTERIES** - Most service stations will accept used automobile batteries. Interstate Battery located on 71 River Street, Rutland, also accepts large batteries (automotive batteries or other large batteries).

**FLUORESCENT BULBS** - Residents of Vermont may at no charge to them dispose of mercury-containing lamps at collection site throughout the state. Residents may take any number of compact fluorescent mercury-containing lamps (cfls) or 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps that are not compact fluorescent lamps at one time. To find collection locations near you, visit: <http://www.lamprecycle.org/state-local-laws/vermont/>

**TIRES** are also accepted at the Gleason Road transfer station for a nominal fee.

### **BUSINESS WASTE:**

Small business (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages can dispose of their wastes at the RCSWD Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot. A permit is required to access the facility. Contact RCSWD directly at 802-775-7209 to purchase a permit, receive an estimate of disposal costs, and to schedule an appointment to drop off wastes. Payment for disposal will be required at the time of drop-off.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**CONTAINERS** – Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.

**USED WASTE OIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE HW HAULER. However**, waste oil **WILL** be accepted at **BOTH** the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the event. **TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS will be happy to take your used waste oil.**

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To help lower the disposal costs for your community, only purchase the amount of a product you need and consider giving any leftover product (such as paint) to a neighbor, friend, or charitable organization. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!

For additional information, please call Pam at 802-342-5701.

### **Vermont Trout Season Opens April 13** *Officials recommend fishing low and slow*

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont’s traditional trout fishing season is set to open Saturday, April 13, and despite recent cold weather and lingering snow cover across the state, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife says anglers can still have fun and be successful early in the season.

“Just like any other time of year, anglers fishing early in the spring should adjust their tactics based on conditions,” said State Fisheries Biologist Bret Ladago. “Given the recent cold weather and deep snow pack, conditions may be challenging, but if you can find a good location and present your bait or lure without spooking the trout, you could have the catch of a lifetime before the snow even melts!”

“Finding a small to medium low-elevation river or stream that is clear of ice and not too murky from spring runoff can be key. Trout are coldblooded and may be slow to bite especially if water temperatures linger around freezing, so it’s important that they can also see your bait, lure or fly.”



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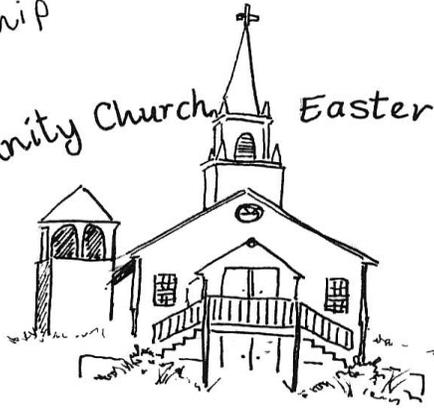
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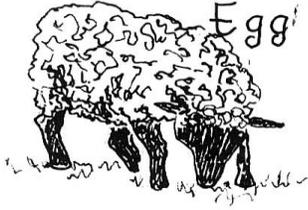
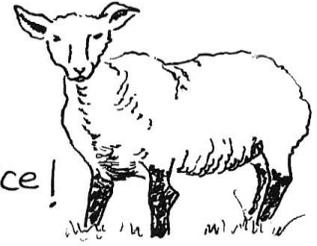
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